

TABLE 3. Odds ratios from multinomial logit analyses assessing associations between teenagers' selected characteristics and age at first sex and age of partner

Characteristic	Females			Males	
	Early sex; partner 3–4 yrs. older	Early sex; partner ≥5 yrs. older	No sex by age 18	Early sex; partner ≥3 yrs. older	No sex by age 18
Family					
Mother's education‡	0.89	0.92	1.11	0.88	0.95
Family structure at age 14					
Two biological/adoptive parents (ref)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
One biological and one adoptive/stepparent	1.71	1.43	0.37***	1.07	0.57*
Single biological parent	1.15	0.83	0.72	2.04†	0.84
Other	3.07**	3.54**	0.72	3.70**	0.58
Mother was a teenager at first birth	1.15	1.49	0.71†	1.55	0.74
Individual					
Race/ethnicity					
Hispanic	1.38	2.07*	0.97	2.35*	0.49***
White/other (ref)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Black	0.94	1.23	0.62*	2.15†	0.55*
Foreign-born	0.54	1.24	2.21**	1.23	1.13
Menarche before age 12	1.88**	2.66**	0.80	na	na
Religious attendance at age 14§	0.80**	0.91	1.22**	0.96	1.10†
<i>N</i>		1,838		1,426	
<i>F(df)</i>		6.40(40)***		7.35(27)***	

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001. †p<.10. ‡Ordered categorical variable: less than high school, high school, some college and bachelor's degree or higher. §Ordered categorical variable: never, less than once a month, 1–3 times per month, once a week and more than once a week. Notes: These analyses test the associations between selected characteristics and having first sex at an early age with an older partner or not having sex by age 18, rather than having first sex at age 16–17. ref=reference group. na=not applicable.